

## Street Maintenance & Paving

One of SeaTran's most complex responsibilities is keeping Seattle's streets, a \$4.7 billion asset, in good condition through a creative distribution of limited resources. [TSP "Operations and Maintenance" Strategy: *Maintain and Preserve the Transportation System*]

SeaTran's Street Maintenance Division is responsible for keeping street pavement clean and in good repair. Street maintenance crews sweep and flush streets, empty City litter receptacles, remove snow and ice, patch potholes, repair pavement excavated for work on underground utilities, and take care of minor asphalt and concrete paving jobs.



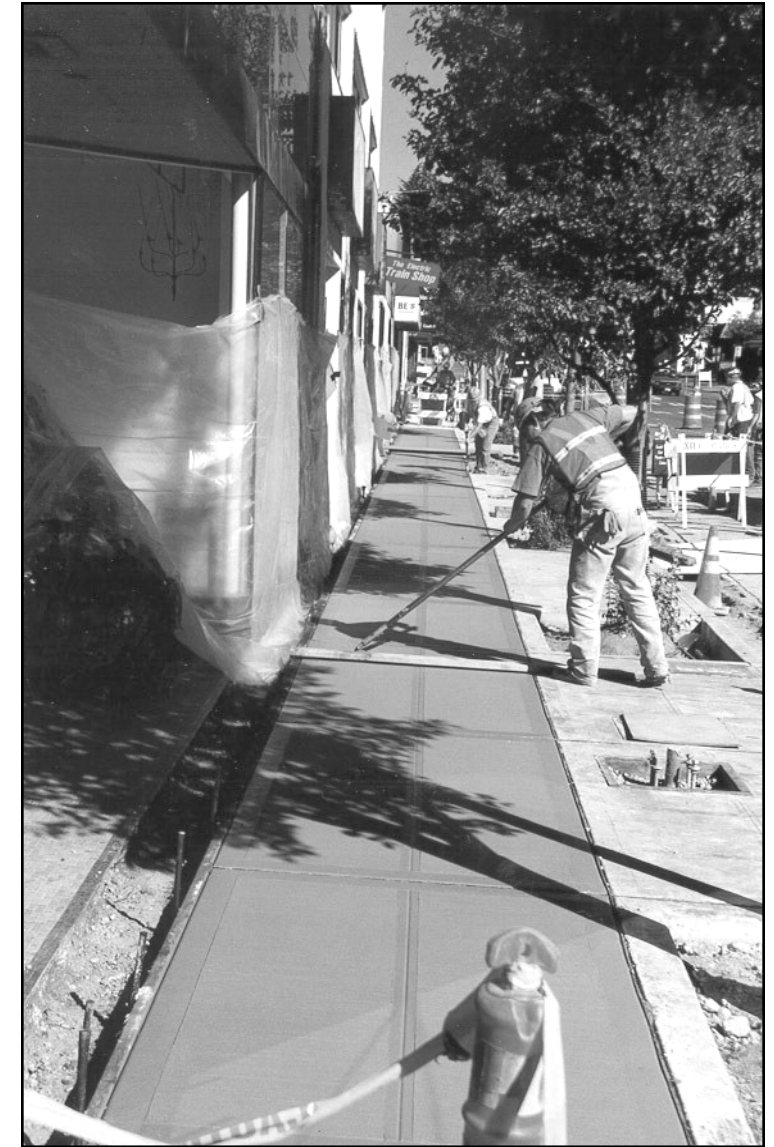
*NE 50th St. benefitted from comprehensive improvements, including paving.*

In 2001, SeaTran paved 56 lane miles of streets: 18.6 lane miles with asphalt or concrete and 37.4 lane miles of non-arterial streets with chip-seal. Projects that contribute to these totals range from annual paving programs, to spot and maintenance repairs, to large-scale capital projects that incorporate paving elements.

One of the most ambitious 2001 capital projects that included a significant portion of paving was the **NE 50th Street Improvement Project**. This joint SeaTran and Seattle City Light project in the heart of the

University District was designed to help reduce traffic delays during peak periods and special events and to improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians. In addition to the installation of 48 new signal controllers, the undergrounding of overhead wires, and a series of pedestrian and streetscape improvements, large sections of NE 50th Street were paved. This project is scheduled to be completed by early 2002. [TSP "Additional Strategies" Strategy: *Incorporate Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Transit Improvements into Capital Improvement and Major Maintenance Projects*]

Early in 2001, SeaTran completed another large-scale transportation project in West Seattle that incorporated signal, sidewalk, and street improvements. The **Alaska/California/Admiral Improvement Project** involved the construction of new sidewalks in the West Seattle Junction, installation of new signal controllers and other improvements along California Avenue SW, and paving sections of SW Alaska Street and SW Admiral Way.



*Sidewalk, paving, and signal improvements were made in West Seattle.*